

## THE CHAMPION

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tively in Advance.

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We understand that the recent  
meat investigations have already  
damaged the retail trade in canned  
meats to a considerable extent.

F. Ion Robertson, a Florida  
editor of ability hailing from  
Brooksville, was married this week  
to Miss Minnie Coogler, of Brooks-  
ville. The state press will offer  
congratulations and good wishes.

Jacksonville will have Carnival  
week this year November 5 to 10,  
and the management is already  
getting under way the plans for  
attracting the crowds. Jackson-  
ville is a great city, one of which  
the state is proud and we shall all  
be there. We acknowledge with  
thanks our own invitation.

It is the rich man's turn to howl!  
The Big Four that furnish meat  
for us, the Standard Oil Company  
that furnishes light, the railroads  
that carry us and the insurance  
companies who provide the means  
to bury us are all under the thumb  
screw and wrack of public govern-  
ment investigation. The poor  
people who have nothing should  
be satisfied with their privileges,  
for if they are not rich neither are  
they being investigated. Blessed  
be nothing.

Governor Broward is this week  
attending in New York City the  
International Policy Holders Com-  
mittee Meeting, Governor Broward  
being a member. Several prom-  
inent governors will be in attend-  
ance, and the meeting is to be an  
important one. Owing to investi-  
gations, made by the New York  
State legislature, it has been de-  
cided that the management of the  
Mutual Life and the New York  
Life Insurance Companies must be  
changed.

President Brown, of the State  
Fair at Tampa is at work getting  
ready for the fair in November.  
Some mistakes made last year will  
be corrected this. It is now the  
plan to offer four first prizes for  
best county exhibits, one for South  
Florida, one for Middle Florida  
and one for East and one for West  
Florida. This will make each  
section compete with only those  
counties whose productions are  
the same. It is also announced  
that the judges in each department  
will be chosen and their names  
published in the premium lists  
that will soon be sent out. Every  
department will have three ex-  
perienced judges. President Brown  
is indefatigable and promises a  
more satisfactory fair this year  
than last.

If all reports are true the Cali-  
fornia earthquake that destroyed  
San Francisco shook the faith of  
many citizens throughout Cali-  
fornia who are turning their  
thoughts to Florida, and will,  
so soon as they can sell out, turn  
their footsteps here also. Florida  
has room for them, and a hearty  
welcome.

### Editor's Outing.

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buildings. For an hour's drive  
the road wound through glades or

on the hillsides, amid scenes of  
loveliness. Great clusters of the  
rhododendren were in bloom and  
many other flowers, generally of  
native growth were blossoming  
everywhere.

We were prepared for a long  
drive and so the first glimpse of  
the castle standing alone on the  
summit of a hill, in the distance,  
was most impressive and surprising;  
grassy lawns brilliant with  
blossoms surround the castle but  
there are no trees to cut off or hide  
the glories of this new world  
aristocratic mansion.

Our driver would not stop for an  
instant when we arrived in front  
of the castle. Said it was "against  
the rules" and so he slowly drove  
by and on to the roadway that led  
in the opposite direction from the  
one we had come. The driver also  
gave the information that no  
visitors were shown inside the  
building, and that at present it  
was locked up the family being in  
Europe. The outside beauties of  
the many turreted castle are  
shown by way of the carriage way  
that winds around the mountain  
side giving one several different  
points of view, but at a distance.  
At no time were we brought nearer  
than at least a quarter of a mile  
and that on the front.

From citizens of Asheville we  
learned that Mr. Vanderbilt and  
family are not favorites in this  
section. No public enterprise re-  
ceives an impetus from their bene-  
factions, and socially the owners  
of Biltmore do not mingle at all  
with their neighbors. The best  
citizens of Asheville are not al-  
lowed to visit at the mansion and  
no courtesies pass between its  
owners and the other people of  
this section.

For the Vanderbilts, money is  
spent lavishly. The little  
Episcopal church was built,  
furnished with a fine pipe organ, a  
choir and a rector at the expense  
of the owner of Biltmore. We did  
not learn whether any persons  
except the family were allowed to  
worship there.

It is rumored that the estate is  
for sale, that its owner finds it an  
exceedingly unprofitable invest-  
ment into which all of his spare  
cash has been absorbed for the  
past few years. It is scarcely  
likely to find an immediate pur-  
chaser. An effort has been made  
to reduce expenses by running a  
dairy, that furnishes cream for the  
ice cream parlors of Asheville and  
Jersey butter for some of Ashe-  
ville's people. A number of neat  
little cottages at the Biltmore depot  
are also advertised in the street  
cars as "for rent, furnished.  
Terms reasonable. The entrance  
fees to the estate must amount to  
considerable for the tourist who  
visit there reach into the thousands  
each season. On those broad,  
smooth driveways of the estate no  
automobile may travel, as Mr.  
Vanderbilt will not tolerate one on  
the estate. Plucking even a leaf  
or blossom is strictly prohibited.  
The beautiful feathered fowls such  
as peacock, grouse, quail, turkey  
as well as all sorts of wild game  
are the only favored guests here.  
For no sportsman is allowed on the  
place with a gun and rabbits  
scarcely think it worth while to  
move out of the way of people.

The drive back to Asheville is  
over an entire new route, and one  
is treated to all the various natural  
attractions of broad streams, grassy  
hillsides, mountain backgrounds,  
rocks and waterfalls, birds and  
beasts. But after all most people  
would not be happy if obliged to  
live here. The isolation is so great  
that only a hermit, who could be  
happy with nature as comrade  
would be perfectly contented here.

# Inside Information!

New York dressers are making a stampede for  
Blacks and Blues. This is the Blue Serge season  
July and August will be the great months for  
these two solids, the Blues and Blacks. We  
have the goods and they are the properest ever  
\* \* \* \* \* Yours truly, \* \* \* \* \*

**Perry C. Brown.**  
*Arcadia, Florida.*

## To The Public

Watch this space for import-  
ant announcements. Our stock  
is to be the best and most com-  
plete in DeSoto County and we  
are anxious to tell you about it.

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